

Saturday, 10 o'clock, a. m.
January 15th, 1848.

Senate met—roll called—the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten; quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Gage asked leave of absence for the balance of the day, which was granted.

Mr. Dancy entered the following protest:

Senate Chamber,
January 15th, 1848.

I protest against the decision of the President of the Senate on yesterday: "That a motion for the previous question is in order while a member is addressing the Senate." Such decision is contrary to the 37th rule of the Senate, which says, "while a member is engaged in debate, no other member shall interrupt him, except by leave, to explain." As any member rising to make a motion for the previous question, under such circumstances, would be out of order, it follows as a matter of course, that the motion itself, could not be in order; I therefore appealed from the decision of the President, when the majority of the Senate sustained the President. I now enter my protest against the decision, and the subsequent vote of the Senate, sustaining the decision.

JON W. DANCY.

Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Wm. B. Andrews, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Clark, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary on a bill to be entitled "an act to amend the 3d section of an act entitled an act concerning slaves," approved Feb. 5th, 1840, reporting a substitute, was read and adopted.

Mr. Jewett offered to amend by adding after the word "misdemeanor" the words "in the District Courts."

Adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a lien on domestic vessels, for supplies and materials furnished them, and for repairs and labor done thereon.

A bill to be entitled an act to define the boundaries of Goliad county.

A bill to be entitled an act better defining the Northern boundary line of Collin county, and

That the House had passed a substitute for the Joint Resolution originating in the Senate, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in congress, to procure the passage of a law, establishing two districts for the United States Court in the State of Texas.

Mr. Perkins, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 15th, 1848.

*Hon. John A. Greer,
President of the Senate :*

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined a bill originating in the Senate, to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bonham in the county of Fannin."

A substitute for a bill originating in the House of Representatives to be entitled "an act supplementary to an act to organize the county of Upshur;" and

An amendment to a bill originating in the House of Representatives, to be entitled an act authorizing the County Court of Red River county to have the records in books A. B. and C. of Deeds, Bonds, Mortgages, and other instruments of writing now in the office of the County Court transcribed; all of which, they find correctly engrossed, and have directed me to report accordingly.

S. W. PERKINS, Chairman.

The report of the committee to whom was referred "Joint Resolution to provide for a settlement of the accounts of E. W.

Moore, Post Captain commanding the late Navy of Texas;" and "Joint Resolution for the relief of persons who furnished supplies for the late Navy of Texas," was read and adopted; and Resolutions each read, and passed to a third reading.

Senate refused to adopt the substitute of the House for a Joint Resolution originating in the Senate, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of a law establishing two districts for the United States Court, in the State of Texas.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the County Court of Red River county to have the records in books of A. B. and C. of Deeds and Mortgages and other instruments of writing now in the office of the Clerk of said county transcribed; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bonham in the county of Fannin; read 3d time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act to organize the county of Upshur; read 2d time and passed to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Affairs of State, on Joint Resolutions authorizing and requiring the Governor to propose a sale of the public lands to the government of the United States; read, and adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 11th section of an act to incorporate the Brazos Canal Company, together with the report of the committee on Internal Improvements thereon; reporting substitute was read;

On motion of Mr. Jewett, the report and bill, together with the substitute, were laid upon the table until Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary thereon, reporting a substitute, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Grimes the bill and the substitute, together with the report were referred to a select committee;

Messrs. Jewett, Abbott, Wallace, Dancy and Phillips were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Williamson the Senate took recess for five minutes, preparatory to going into the election of a Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Senate met—roll called—no quorum present.

The Sergeant-at-arms was dispatched after absent members.

Quorum present.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase and more particularly prescribe the duties of the Secretary of State—read second time.

Mr. Grimes offered the following amendment.

In section first, fourth line, after the word "State" insert "immediately after the adjournment of each and every session of the Legislature to receive into his office, all the books and stationery pertaining to the two Houses of the Legislature, on hand at the time of adjournment, and"—

Adopted.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment "and also to contract for the binding of full printed copies of all the acts and Joint Resolutions of the Congress of the Late Republic of Texas, and of the Legislature of the State of Texas, at and during the several sessions thereof respectively, and preserve the same in his office for the use of the Legislature and officers of the State."

Mr. Burleson moved to amend the amendment by filling the blank with "100."

Adopted.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the bill as amended was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate evidence in cases, where land is the object of controversy—read second time.

And, on motion of Mr. Jewett, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, Mr. Jewett was added to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal certain sections of an act entitled an act to reduce into one, and amend the several acts concerning executions, approved January 27th, 1842; read second time;

And, on motion of Mr. Phillips referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Patrick Reels—read second time.

And, on motion of Mr. Dancy referred to the Committee on Private land claims.

A bill to be entitled an act better defining the northern boundary line of Collin county—read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to create a lien on domestic vessels for supplies and materials furnished them, and for repairs and labor done thereon; read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to define the county boundaries of Goliad county; read first time.

Mr. Phillips, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to establish the several Judicial District Courts—read first time.

Mr. Parker, Chairman of the committee on claims and accounts made the following report.

Committee Room,
January 15th, 1848.

HON. J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on claims and accounts to whom was referred the petition of Ann Matilda Mason and Joseph Mason, asking remuneration for a negro slave (by the name of Jim) the property of said petitioners, which negro was murdered in the county Jail of Harrison county, where he had been placed by order of the Honorable District Court of said County: A bill of indictment having been preferred against him by the Grand Jurors of said county, founded upon a charge of Rape—have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report that they are of opinion, that it is inexpedient to grant the relief asked for in said petition; but said committee are of opinion that the public interest require some general law upon the subject, and therefore have instructed me to report a bill herewith transmitted for the consideration of the Honorable Senate.

ISAAC PARKER,
Chairman.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a compensation for

the owners of slaves who shall be executed for capital offences; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.
January 17th, 1848.

Senate met—roll called—the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes; Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Parker, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Clark Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary made the following report.

Committee Room
January 17th, 1848.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred "an act to incorporate the Union Marine and Fire Insurance Company" have had the same under consideration and propose the following amendments thereto, the adoption of which they recommend.

First amendment.

Strike out all after the word "estate" in the 13th line of first section, and insert, "exceeding in value ten thousand dollars."

Second amendment.

Insert after the word "transferable" in the third line of sixth section, the words, "upon the books of said company." With